Chance Family

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Irma Chance McLuskie
1511 2nd St. West
Billings MT 59101

June 29, 1990

My letter of June 22 and yours of June 23 crossed in the mail, so I went ahead and made copies of the Chance items listed on the research report I sent.

I did not find out the names of Purnell's parents but did find that he came to Indiana from North Carolina. (His son Tighlman was born there about 1808.) Starling Barnes Chance was still alive in 1850, living with Tighlman. She gave her birthplace as Delaware, which agrees with the letter from Mrs. Joseph Chance of Pennsylvania. Perhaps you could find more information in Guilford county NC and in Delaware.

I made your check out for $4.05 for the copies and extra postage.

Nancy Sherrill

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

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June 23/90

Ms Nancy Sherrill

I guess you already have the letter the Vigo County Historical Society sent you in regards to Trying find ~~of~~ out Who Purnell Chance father ~~is~~ was.

I Will enclose a check if you can find out for me.

Check not to exceed $10.00

~~I am enclosing the letter with this to.~~

Any Copy you have doesnot have to be Cert.

Irma Chance McCluskie

Purnell Chance b. 1769 d 7 april 1850 Clay County Ind.

I thot it might have fathers name on Death records.

He was married to Starling Barnes she d 1857 bur in Dyer Cem in Cass Township

He was my G G G Grandfather

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The Vigo County Historical Society forwarded your letter of June 15 to the library.

Indiana did not pass a law requiring the keeping of death certificates until 1882, so there are none before that date. An additional problem is the fact that the Clay county courthouse burned in 1850, destroying all the earlier records.

I am enclosing a research report listing the sources I checked for your ancestor. He and his sons are mentioned as early settlers in the Clay county histories. Our books on Clay county cemeteries are incomplete. You might contact the Clay County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 56, Center Point IN 47840, to see if they have indexed the cemeteries.

The Clay county courthouse records have been microfilmed by the LDS Church and are available for loan through the LDS branch libraries. You might be able to get the records of the settling of Purnell Chance's estate. That should name his heirs.

Since Purnell had adult sons when he came to Indiana in 1819, it seems unlikely that his father ever came here. To find the father you should try to locate Purnell before he arrived in Indiana. Blanchard's History of Clay and Owen Counties says he came from North Carolina, and Bentley's Index to the 1800 Census of North Carolina lists a Pernal Chance in Guilford county, page 631. An old letter in our file says Purnell came from Delaware. His first purchase of land in Clay county might give his prior residence. Since the Clay county courthouse burned, you might have to look for records of the purchase of the land from the U.S. government held by the Bureau of Land Management Eastern States Office. The legal description of land in section 29 of Cass township, Clay county, would be Sec. 29, Township 12 North, Range 5 West.

If you would like copies of any of the items on the research report, our charge is 10¢ per page, plus postage.

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Genealogy Librarian

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
One Library Square
Terre Haute IN 47807

DATE: _____

VCPL RESEARCH REPORT FOR Clay County IN

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of: Chance, Purnell + Starling (Barnes)
in response to your request of 6-15-90.

(1.) Miscellaneous Card File:
Did not find ✓ Found _____

(2.) Surname File:
Did not find _____ Found Chance File – 21 Sept 1973 letter from Mrs. Joseph Chance, RD #1, Box 141, Liberty PA 16930, regarding Tilghman Chance, son of Purnell Chance from Delaware

(3.) County Histories:
Did not find _____ Found Blanchard's 1884 History of Clay and Owen Counties - Chance, Parnell - pp 304, 305, 312
Chance, Purnell - pp 327 + 81 (over)

4. Marriage Records:
Did not find _____ Found _____

5. Cemetery Records:
Did not find _____ Found _____

6. Land Records:
Did not find _____ Found _____

(7.) Census Index for the year(s) 1820 - 1850
Did not find _____ Found 1820 – Chance, Purnell - Monroe Co p 118
" Daniel - " " "
" John " " "
" Tilman " " "
1830 - Chance, Pernal - Clay Co p 526
" Daniel " " "
" John " " p528
" Randolph " " p526
" Tilman " " p528

(8.) Other: (also check other side)
Clay County, Indiana, Will Abstracts 1848 – 1867 by Charles M. Franklin - p1 Will of Abraham Akers, 22 Nov 1858, names a daughter Elizabeth Chance, p16 T. Chance witnessed will of Aaron L. Killian 7 Jan 1841.

#3. Chance, Daniel pp 32, 55, 67, 174, 304
" Filmore p 304
" John p 304
" Nancy p 311
" Nellie p 311
" Randall p 173
" Tabitha p 311
" Tighlman p 32 + 312, 166, 174

p 304 In the year 1819, Parnell Chance and his sons, John, Daniel and Filmore, came from North Carolina and settled near the central part of the township [Cass] in section 29, where Charles Wilkinson now lives.

#7. 1840 - Chance, Purnell Sr. - Clay Co. p 623
" John " " "
" Randall " " p 641
" Tilghman (2) " " p 647
" Daniel Owen Co p 133

1850 Chance, Christian - Clay Co p 209
" John " " p 218
" Lewis " " p 301
" Mary " " p 241
" Tilman " " "

✓ Index to the 1800 Census of North Carolina by Elizabeth P. Bentley - Chance, Pernal - Guilford Co. p 63

Billings MT 59101
1511 2nd st west
June 15 1990

Vigo County Historial Society
DO you have a record of Purnell Chance b 1769
mar. Starling Barnes .
Purnell died 7 April 1850 in Clay County IN.
I am trying to find out who his parents were.
He was my G G G Grandfather.
I thot it mmight be on the death record.
And Clay County did not have death records till
1851 so I am told.
Enclosed im a check not to exceed $10.00 — returned SASE
if yiu could fid a record with his parents
name please send copy it does not have to be cer.

Thank YOU

IRMA CHANCE McLUSKIE

P.S. Parent county & Territory from which
Organized Clay Co.
STarling Barnes Chance bur in 1852
in Dyer Cemetery in Coss Township.
Maybe this will help.

Billings Mt 59101
1511 2nd St West
July 2- 1990

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Thank you for all the searching you have done but I have all that inf. Just not his parents names

Thank you
Irma C Rance McCuskie

Purnell C Rance C. in Wel

1-14-70

Mrs. Frederick Black,
Pres. of Board of Fairbanks
Home, will call back.

Talked with Mrs Beachey
of Fairbanks Home

Jan 2, 1970
Moll, Mont.
59057

Vigo County Public Library
222 North 7th St.
Terre Haute, Indiana

Do you now have the Terre Haute "Tribune" microfilmed past March 1932? It was suggested in a letter from the Historical Department that a more complete obituary of one Sarah Jane (Cornthwaite) Chance, might be found in this particular paper. She died March 12, 1932, at the Fairbanks Ladies Home in Terre Haute, Indiana.

I do have a copy of a funeral notice from "The Star" (March 14, 1932) but it is very sketchy.

If you can help me

secure this information, I would be most appreciative.

Sincerely

Mrs. John M. Shoaff
Moll, Montana
59057

May 13, 1932 Inter Stas Page 2

Sarah Jane Chance, 94 yrs old, d at the Fairbanks Home Sat at 12:30 PM. She is survived by several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The body was removed to the Martin Funeral Home from where funeral services will be held Mon. afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in Woodlawn.

Telephone Message or Call

For Mrs. Ross

Date: Sat. Message Time: Noon

Name of caller Mrs. F. Black

Message In regards to the info. you wanted.

Caller's Telephone Number 232-7733

Your Initials

F-13

Mrs. Black called

Con: Sara Jane Chance

Buried in Rockville & from there.
Mrs. Strole is from there &
on the board. She inquired.
not sure about a son or
anything else.
All info. so far.

Oct.6,1973

Mrs. Joseph E. Chance
R.D. 1, Box 141
Liberty, Pa. 16930

Dear Mrs. Chance:

All the source materials for Clay and Owen counties, Indiana, have been scanned thoroughly for mention of anything about the CHANCE family with the following results:

The 1896 Encylcopedic Directory of Clay County,Ind. has no listing for anyone of the name CHANCE...would believe from this that all of the name had moved on elsewhere?

The 1884 Counties of Clay & Owen, Ind., by Travis-Blanchard, page 563, shows Pitman Chance (not Tilghman Chance) married Nancy Hicks, Oct.4,1819. This was recorded in Marriage Record No.1 of Owen county,Ind. (see enclosed Xerox of page).

If you need further research done in Indiana, May I suggest you contact: Miss Margaret Waters, Professional Genealogist, 217 W. Troy, Apt.D, Indianapolis, Ind. 46625. She works almost daily in the Genealogy Division of the Indiana State Library, and is most efficient in using microfilm census records, and has done much research for me at very nominal charge.

I will keep your problem on file, and when I'm in Spencer, county seat of Owen county, or in Brazil, county seat of Clay county, I'll see what else I can find. Time does not permit me to go on field trips as often as I would like.

With all best wishes in your search...

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy J. Clark(Mrs.Robert I.)

Enclosure: 1 Xerox

Oct 26 - rec'd response letter of disappointment asking for $10.00 look - tried for 4 hrs @ $3. gave up for the day again!

MRS. HILDA CHANCE
R. D. 1, LIBERTY, PA. 16930

Box 141

Rec'd 9-21-73

Dear Mrs. Clark.

I'm enclosing 10.00 for search of Chance.

At the rate I work, that much should do it.

10.00 is what I charge and rarely runs over. I can furnish photo copies for .10 per page which saves lot of writing time.

So if there are available on pages where Biographies or lineages, will send extra.

anything on Chance family. to fit into what I have.

Truly.

Hilda Chance

Donated by D. Cark

Chance Family

Mrs. Joseph E. Chance
R. D. # 1, Box 141, Liberty, Pa. 16930

used Sept 1

Do you have anything on Clay & owens Counties ?

Tilghman Chance married Nancy Hicks 1819 in Owens County.

He was son of Burnall Chance from Delaware.

moved later to Clay County or the line moved as it did in Delaware, Md. Pa.

Dont ready to print Chance book and a Mr. Price sent this info from Iowa.

I have all Md. Del. books, many Va. Pa. Ohio. N.C. a large library but can't have all of states.

most Chances went Del & Md to N.C. & Va. to Ga. La. Tenn. Ky Ohio. Mo. Kansas.

Have a Pleasant Chance of Iowa probable brother of Tilghman (Tillman).

Let me know if you have available and charge or will do Eastern search in return.

Hicks Chance

Clay and Owen counties are available at our public library - there are more than one for each county. I charge $3. per hr. for research of this type.

Dorothy J. Clark (Mrs. Robert L.)
2032 N. 8th St.
Terre Haute, Ind. 47804